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Applicant: Fargo, Richard  
Serial Number: 10/564,873  
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Title: SHOCK ABSORBING HITCH

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action that was mailed on July 11, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: